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**The Senile Heart.**<sup>13</sup>—In this small octavo of some three hundred pages, Dr. G. M. Balfour states the causes for the enlarged heart frequently found in adults past their prime, its symptoms, and the concomitants and sequelæ. He then suggests a general mode of treatment for this widespread cardiac trouble followed by a chapter on the prognosis of special symptoms and the treatment with special reference to these symptoms.

Marginal synopses of the points touched upon in the several paragraphs make the book a handy reference volume.

**Sixth Annual Report of the Missouri Botanical Gardens.**<sup>14</sup>—This Report includes the following scientific papers: Revision of the North American species of *Sagittaria* and *Lophotocarpus*, Jared G. Smith; *Leitneria floridana*, Wm. Trelease; Studies on the Dissemination and Leaf Reflexion of *Yucca aloifolia* and other Species, H. J. Webber; Notes on new or little known Species, J. G. Smith; Notes on the Mound Flora of Atchison Co., Missouri, B. F. Bush.

All of these papers are well illustrated with page plates of excellent drawings.

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<sup>14</sup> Sixth Annual Report of the Missouri Botanical Gardes. St. Louis, 1895.